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SUBJECT: GOV REPRESENTATIVE PESSIMISTIC AFTER LATEST CIEC ROUND

1. SUMMARY: PEREZ GUERRERO'S CHIEF ASSISTANT BELIEVES THAT
VIRTUALLY NO PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE LATEST CIEC ROUND. HE
IS INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF
CIEC. END SUMMARY.

2. ECON COUNSELOR MET MAY 5 WITH DR. JULIO CESAR GIL TO OB-
TAIN HIS IMPRESSIONS OF APRIL ROUND OF CIEC MEETINGS. IN
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ADDITION TO HIS ROLE AS GOVE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ENERGY

COMMISSION, GIL IS PRINCIPAL STAFF AIDE TO MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, GOV MININSTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICO AFFAIRS. HE IS, THEREFORE, WELL-PLACED TO COMMENT ON ALL PHASES OF VENEZUELA'S PARTICIPATION IN CIEC.

3. BEFORE GIVING HIS VIEWS, GIL ASKED HOW USG VIEWED THE LATEST CIEC ROUND. DRAWING FROM USDEL REPORTS, ECON COUNSELOR SAID PROGRESS APPEARED TO BE SATISFACTORY, EMPHASIZING BENEFICIAL ASPECTS OF OBJECTIVES AND DETAILED DIALOGUE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AS BASIS FOR LATER PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.

4. GIL PRESENTED A SHARPLY CONTRASTING POINT OF VIEW. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT CHARACTERIZE THE LATEST CIEC ROUND AS A FAILURE, BUT IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT A SUCCESS. THE G-19 IS DISILLUSIONED AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS. THERE WAS NO PROGRESS AT ALL IN THE DEVELOPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, AND FINANCE COMMISSIONS. THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY PRESENTATION OF THE POSITIONS OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS IN THESE AREAS; SUCH VIEWS ARE WELL KNOWN AND THEIR REPETITION LEADS NOWHERE. THE ENERGY COMMISSION MADE SOME PROGRESS, BUT THIS WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS A NEW TYPE OF FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ENERGY MATTERS. ACCORDING TO GIL, THE LACK OF PROGRESS AT THIS MEETING IS CASTING A SHADOW ON THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF CIEC.

5. GIL REGRETTED CIEC'S INABILITY TO AGREE ON ANY SORT OF WRITTEN PROGRESS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION AT UNCTAD IV. HE REGARDED THE G-19 EFFORT TO ACHIEVE WRITTEN STATEMENTS AS FAR MORE-IMPORTANT THAN A ROUTINE EFFORT TO KEEP UP CIEC APPEARANCES AT UNCTAD IV. HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF THE PREVIOUS CIEC STATEMENT ON CONTRIBUTIONU TO IFAD AS HAVING BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND SAID THE G-19 HAD HOPED FOR SIMILAR PROGRESS ON OTHER ISSUES BASED ON AGREEMENT AT CIEC. GIL SAID VENEZUELA DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT MUCH WILL BE ACHIEVED AT UNCTAD IV, BUT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO CIEC THAT SOME PROGRESS BE MADE IN NAIROBI.

6. ECON COUNSELOR ASKED GIL WHICH COUNTRIES G-19 HAS IN MIND IN REFERRING IN ITS STATEMENT TO LACK OF "POSITIVE POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF A FEW DEVELOPED COUNTRIES." GIL REPLIED THAT THE G-19 MADE THE DISTINCTION IN ORDER NOT TO

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CATEGORIZE FORTHCOMING DC'S SUCH AS WEDEN AND THE NETHERLANDS AS LACKING POLITICAL WILL.

7. COMMENT - GIL IS SOFT-SPOKEN BUT STRAIGHTFORWARD IN VOICING HIS OPINIONS. HE DISCLAIMED TO SPEAK FOR PEREZ GUERRERO, BUT HE ALMOST CERTAINLY REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF HIS CHIEF. HIS PESSIMISM ABOUT CIEC HAS GROWN PROGRESSIVELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF EACH ROUND. END COMMENT.

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